

MA by Research in Geography

Start Dates: January and August

Description

The basic concept of geographical research is to address the influence of space. This space can be a determinant, i.e. it has the power to affect processes and outcomes. So geography examines how these processes and outcomes vary across space, and investigates the causes behind these variations across space. This basic concept can be applied to many different issues, such as human perceptions, economic development, urban design and community identity. Research can focus on how space has helped form and modify many different social, economic and environmental entities.

Application Requirements

A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to subject; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and; Timetable of work. The research proposal should be approximately 1,500 words in length.

Entry Requirements

A relevant, minimum Second Class, undergraduate degree is normally expected.

Language Requirements

Minimum GCE O Level English Grade 6 or equivalent.

Aims and Scope

Under supervision from one or more academic members of staff, the candidate will create a research agenda and formulate and follow their own project. This will allow them to develop their creative and analytical skills in solving real-world problems.

The programme is designed to develop institutional, national and international capacity building that promotes innovative research in the study of geography. The inter-disciplinary research can focus on any aspect of socio-cultural, economic or environmental issues that contains some form of a spatial component. This may involve physical space that lends itself to a mapping approach, but can also consider conceptual space, such as the idea of neighbourhood or spatially-determined shared views.

Areas of Research / Specialization

Candidates will develop their research agenda in line with expertise currently within the Geography & Development or Tourism programmes, but may also incorporate expertise from other programmes across the university.

Period of Candidature

12 months, with the option of up to one further year provided sufficient progress is demonstrated.

Assessment

The degree is assessed from a submitted thesis of up to 60,000 words.

Examination

Examination of the thesis is by internal (UBD) and external (international) examiners.